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The following pages are sent out as "proof," in the hope that those interested will be willing to supply any titles or issues that have been overlooked. The editor will be grateful for any assistance in making the list complete.

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

January 2.

Description of Counterfeits.

237. Description of Counterfeit Bills, Which were done in Imitation of the True Ones ordered by the Honorable the Continental Congress, Bearing Date 20th May, 1777, and 11th April, 1778.

F. Broadside.

A copy is in the Library of Congress, and measures 40 x 21 cms. It is signed in MS. by John Gibson, who added: "Permit no copy of these Descriptions to be taken, unless at the Request of the Executive Authority of the State to be placed in confidential hands."

January 9.

Resolutions on Prisoners.

238. In Congress, January 9, 1779. Philadelphia,
Printed by John Dunlap. F. Broadside.

A copy is in the Washington Papers, Letters to Washington, 92, folio 32, and measures 32½ x 18½ cms.

January 12.

Circular Letter of Instructions.

239. Treasury-Office, January 12, 1779. F. Broadside.

A letter to the Commissioners of the loan office on exchanging the counterfeited emissions of bills of credit.

January 12.

Directions for retiring Currency.

240. Instructions from the Board of Treasury to the respective Commissioners of the Continental Loan Offices, Treasury Office, January 12, 1779. F. Broadside.

January 14.

Address to the People on the Currency.

241. In Congress January 13, 1779. Philadelphia,
Printed by John Dunlap. F. 1 l.

It contains four resolutions on withdrawing the bills of credit of the emissions of May 20, 1777, and April 11, 1778, in the following order: Resolutions of Jan-

January 14 (Continued).

January 1, January 2, January 5 and January 11, 1779. Acquired by the Library of Congress. It measures 41 x 25 cms.

* The Committee on the Treasury who were directed to examine my bill, forwards the several resolutions respecting finance, in order that they may be printed; reported that they had examined that business, and drew me a card, that it required better and the resolutions of the 2d and 3d Congress, in regard to one sheet, and that one hundred copies be sent to the printer.

Resolved, That Congress agree to the report of the

January 14.

Resolutions on the Currency.

242. In Congress. October 8, 1778. Philadelphia.

Printed by Johan Dondos.

Compare also the resolutions of November 19, 1778, and January 1 and 14, 1779.

February 23.

Orders to Commissioners of Loan Offices.

243. Treasury-Office. February 23d., 1779. F. Broadside.

February.

Observations on the Revolution.

244. Observations on the American Revolution. Published according to a Resolution of Congress, by their Committee. For the Consideration of those who are desirous of comparing The Conduct of the opposed Parties, and The several Consequences which have flowed from it. Philadelphia: Printed by Stynes and Cist, in Second-Street. MDCCLXXIX. 8. pp. 44-122.

¹ See *Journal*, April 5, 1779. Advertised in the *Pennsylvania Packet* of February 27, 1779. In the advertisement in the issue of March 2 is the following text: "In the above Treatise, page 98, line 3, the words 'of great use' ought to be left out. The reader will please to take notice thereof."

March 2.

Resolutions on Arrearages.

245. In Congress, March 2, 1779. . . . Printed by Hall and
Sellers, 1779. . . . F. Broudsie.

March 5.

Resolutions on Soldiers' Certificates.

246. In Congress, March 5, 1779. . . . Printed by Hall and
Sellers. 1779. F. 1. Broadside.

March 6.**Resolutions concerning Admiralty Decisions.**

247. In Congress, March 6, 1779. . . . Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America. F . . . Broadside.

March 15.**Dragoons and Artillery.**

248. In Congress, March 15, 1779. . . . Printed by Hall and Sellers. F . . . Broadside.

A copy is in the Papers of the Continental Congress, No. 147, 111, folio 315.
It measures 20 x 20 cms.

March 20.**Recommendation of Fast.**

249. Proclamation. . . . Philadelphia: Printed by Hall and Sellers. F . . . Broadside.

March 23.**Ordinance for Clothing Department.**

250. In Congress, March 23, 1779. Ordinance for regulating the Clothing Department for the Armies of the United States. . . . Printed by Hall and Sellers. F . . . 1 l.

251. In Congress, March 23, 1779. Ordinance for regulating the Clothing Department for the Armies of the United States. . . . Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable the Congress. F . . . Broadside.

A copy is in the Washington Papers, Letters to Washington, No. 93, folio 301.
It measures 31½ x 19½ cms.

252. In Congress, March 23, 1779. Ordinance for regulating the Clothing Department for the Armies of the United States.

F . . . Broadside.

March 29.**Steuben's Regulations.**

253. Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States. Part 1. Philadelphia: Printed by Styner and Cist, in Second-street. M DCCCLXXIX.

12 . . . pp. 154, [9], 8 plates.

"The Engraving of the Plates and correcting the Press, will I am afraid detain me till the middle of April, and as before that time the season will permit the Troops to exercise, I think it would be necessary they should be exercised in detail on the Principles laid down. If your Excellency approves it, I will send

March 29. Continued.

Cd. Henry, who assisted him in composing the Regulations, 1764, for your Orders on the Subject. He may carry with him a Copy of the same, if the Regulations which is necessary, and each Adjutant take a copy. He, too, may begin to put them in practice. *Sketch of the Work, 1765. March 11. 1779. Washington Papers. Letters to H. 1764-1765, 30, folio 101.*

* In my last I told the news of informing your Excellency that the Regulations would be printed by the middle of April till which I proposed to engage him in order to hurry the work as much as possible. I did not then say so much of the small things that retard the progress of the work and which must at this time it will be the last of April before can be finished. I have since corresponded on Cd. Pickering's take charge of correcting the sheets as they come printed, and intend by the 15th next month to have the honor of presenting your Excellency's orders for the Execution of the new system. *Sketch of the Work, 1765. March 11, 1779. Washington Papers, Letters to H. 1764-1765, 30, folio 101.*

254. Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States. Part 1. Hartford: Hudson and Goodwin. [1779]

Sm. 8. . pp. 128, (6), plates.

255. For the Use of the Militia of Pennsylvania. An Abstract of a System of Military Discipline: Framed by The Hon. the Baron Steuben, Major General and Inspector General of the Armies of these United States. Approved by His Excellency General Washington. Confirmed by The Hon. the Congress. Philadelphia: Printed by Francis Bailey, in Market Street. M. DCC. LXXIX.

Sm. 8. . pp. 38.

256. Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States. Part 1. Hartford: S. Patten. [1780]

257. Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States. Part 1. Hartford: Printed by Hudson & Goodwin. [1782.] 12. . pp. 89, (6), 8 plates.

258. Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States. Part 1. Philadelphia: Printed by Charles Cist, at the corner of Fourth and Arch streets. M. DCC. LXXXV. 8. . pp. (4), 134 (7).

259. Regeln für die Ordnung und Disciplin der Truppen der Vereinigten Staaten. Erster Theil. Aus dem Englischen übersetzt. Philadelphia: Gedruckt bey Carl Cist, No. 104, in der Zweyten-strasse, nah bey der Rehs-strasse, 1793.

8. . pp. 84, (4) 8 plates.

A copy is in the Library of Congress.

Editions were printed in nearly all the States in 1793 and 1794 to meet the requirements of the Militia act of May 8, 1792.

April.

Washington's Proclamation on Deserters.

260. [Proclamation.]

The Proclamation is dated at Head-Quarters, Middle-Brook, 1779. It was printed in the *Pennsylvania Packet*, March 20, 1779.

We have been informed that in the Want of a better Circulation of the News-Papers, your Excellency's Proclamation in Favour of Deserters, had had the Effect it would have had were it more known to the Deserters, who are the Objects of it. We have had it struck off in Hand-Bills and distributed as the Time would admit. *Return to the Honble. Board*, April 10, 1779. Washington Papers, *Letters to Washington*, 31, folio 280.

April 5.

Directions for Transmitting Currency.

261. Treasury-Office. April 5th, 1779. F. 1. Broadside.

April 12.

Lottery Scheme.

262. United States Lottery. The Scheme is, That this Lottery consists of Four Classes, of One Hundred Thousand Tickets each. . . . Philadelphia: Printed by John Dunlap, in Market-Street.

F. 1. Broadside.

A resolution of Congress of April 13, 1779 is contained in this broadside. A copy is in the Library of Congress, measuring 43 x 26 cms.

April 14.

Visiting the Enemy's Lines.

263. In Congress, April 14, 1779. . . . Philadelphia: Printed by Hall and Sellers.

F. 1. Broadside.

A copy is in the Washington Papers, *Letters to Washington*, 93, folio 100. It measures 24 x 18 cms.

April 22.

Treasury Reports.

264. Reports of the Board of Treasury relative to Finance. F. 1. 7 ll.

See Journals, April 22, 1779.

A copy is in the Library Company of Philadelphia.

It contains seven reports, of which only No. II is dated March 31, 1779 (adopted May 28, 1779). No. III was also adopted on May 28, No. IV, on May 21, and No. I, on July 30.

May 10.

Report on Exchange of Prisoners.

265. Report of Commissioners for Settling a Cartel for the Exchange of Prisoners. Philadelphia. Printed by David C. Claypoole. Printer to the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America. MDCCLXXIX. 8°. pp. 29.

"Two do. cts. Copies of the Report of our Commissioners for Settling a Cartel are herewith sent. It is the wish of Congress that they may be conveyed to our Prisoners with the Enemy. — Day to Washington, June 4, 1779. — Washington Papers, *Letter to Wood*, pp. 96, 100, 102.

May 22.

Supernumerary Officers.

266. In Congress, May 22, 1779. . . . Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America. F. . . . Broadside.

It also contains the resolutions of November 24, 1778. — A copy is in the Washington Papers. *Letter to Washington* 95, 100, 107. — It measures 29 x 18½ cms.

May 26.

Address to the States.

267. To the Inhabitants of the United States of America. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America. F. . . . 1 l.

It was printed in large type and double column in the inside pages of the *Pennsylvania Packet*, May 26, 1779.

268. State of Massachusetts-Bay. In Council, June 11, 1779. Resolved, That the following Address be printed in Hand-Bills and sent to the several Ministers of the Gospel &c. F. . . . Broadside.

A copy is in the Library of Congress. — It measures 49 x 37½ cms.

269. To the Inhabitants of the United States of America, [Hartford, 1779.] F. . . . Broadside.

With the order of Jonathan Trumbull.

270. Circular Letter from Congress to sustain the credit of the United States, Poughkeepsie, 1779. . . .

From an auction catalogue.

July 23.

Report on Departments.

271. [Report of a committee appointed to enquire into and regulate and retrench the expenses of the respective boards and departments.]

"Ordered, That sixty copies be printed for the use of the members. — *Journal*.

July 30.

Treasury Ordinance.

272. In Congress, July 30, 1779. Ordinance for establishing a Board of Treasury, and the proper Officers for managing the Finances of these United States. F. . . Broadside.

August 25.

Prices of Soldiers' Clothing.

273. An Estimate of the Average Price in December, 1778, of the different Articles of Cloathing. . . . F. . . Broadside.

Signed James Wilkinson, and dated as above. A copy is in the Washington Papers, *Letters to Washington*, 94, folio 438. It measures 30 x 18 cms.

September 13.

Circular Letter to People.

274. A Circular Letter from the Congress of the United States of America to their Constituents. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable the Congress.

8 . . pp. 12.

See Journals, August 10, 1779.

An Edition in German was printed by Styer and Cist.

275. A Circular Letter from the Congress of the United States of America to their Constituents. Philadelphia: Printed September, 1779. Boston: Reprinted by Order of the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay. . . . 8 . . pp. 15.

276. A Circular Letter from the Congress of the United States of America to their Constituents. Philadelphia, Printed: New London: Re-printed by T. Green. . . . 12 . . pp. 19.

October 29.

Courts of Appeals.

277. [Report of a Committee appointed to prepare a plan for the establishment of courts of appeals for determining captures on water.]

See Journals, October 29, 1779.

November 25.

Resolutions for Supplies.

278. In Congress, November 25th, 1779. . . . Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable the Congress. F. . . Broadside.

December 3.

Table of Loan Office Certificates.

279. Table of the Sums actually in circulation between the 1st of September and the 30th of November, 1779, inclusive, and of the Sums that will be in circulation from thence to the 28th of February, 1780, to serve as a rule to the Commissaries of the several Loan-Offices of the United States in the payment of interest due, and that will become due, on Loan-Office Certificates. . . . Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole.

S . . pp. 7.

Signed R. Troup.

Prize Numbers in Lottery.

280. A List of the Fortunate Numbers in the Second Class of the United States Lottery. Philadelphia: Printed by John Dunlap, in Market-street. MDCCLXXIX. . . . pp. 54.

Table of Interest.

281. A Table of the First Years Interest To be paid on the Monies which have been placed in the several Continental Loan Offices, between the 1st of June and 1st of December 1778, calculated for each day on which the Money may have been deposited in pursuance of a Resolution of the Congress of the 29th of June 1779. . . . pp. 7.

Signed R. Troup.

Journals, January.

282. Journals of Congress from Friday, January 1st, to Monday, February 1st, 1779. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Congress of the United States of America. MDCCLXXIX. . . . pp. 12.

See Journals, March 31, 1779.

Complete sets of this monthly and weekly issue are in the New York Public Library (Ford Collection) and the Pennsylvania Historical Society. The Library of Congress has all but the issue for January, 1779.

Journals, February.

283. Journals of Congress, from Monday, February 1st, to Monday, March 1st, 1779. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America. . . . pp. 50.

Journals. March.

284. Journals of Congress, from Monday, March 1st, to Tuesday, March 30, 1779, inclusive. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America. S. . pp. 56.

Journals. Weekly Issues.

285. Journals of Congress, from Wednesday, March thirty-first, to Saturday, April tenth, 1779, inclusive. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the hon. the Congress of the United States of America. S. . pp. 24.

The first of the weekly parts. The titles of the following successive issues vary from this only as noted.

286. * Monday, April 12th, to Saturday, April 17th, 1779, inclusive. S. . pp. 19.

287. * Monday, April 19th, to Saturday, April 24th, 1779, inclusive. S. . pp. 24.

288. * Saturday, April 24th, to Monday, May 3d, 1779. S. . pp. 16.

289. * Saturday, May 1st, to Monday, May 10th, 1779. S. . pp. 15.

290. * Monday, May 10th, to Saturday, May 15th, 1779, inclusive. S. . pp. 15.

291. * Monday, May 17th, to Saturday, May 22d, 1779, inclusive. S. . pp. 15.

292. * Monday, May 24th, to Saturday, May 29th, 1779, inclusive. S. . pp. 20.

293. * Monday, May 31st, to Saturday, June 5th, 1779, inclusive. S. . pp. 15.

294. * Monday, June 7th, to Saturday, June 12th, 1779, inclusive. S. . pp. 19.

295. * Monday, June 14th, to Saturday, June 19th, 1779, inclusive. S. . pp. 19.

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296. * Monday, June 21st, to Saturday, June 26th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 13.

297. * Monday, June 28th, to Saturday, July 3d, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 15.

298. * Monday, July 5th, to Saturday, July 12th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 7.

299. * Monday, July 12th, to Saturday, July 17th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 10.

300. * Monday, July 19th, to Saturday, July 24th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 14.

301. * Monday, July 26th, to Saturday, July 31st, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 16.

With this issue the imprint was changed to "Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, Printer to the Honorable Congress," and so remained for the rest of the series.

302. * Monday, August 2d, to Saturday, August 7th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 11.

303. * Monday, August 9th, to Saturday, August 14th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 10.

304. * Monday, August 16th, to Saturday, August 21st, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 13.

305. * Monday, August 23d, to Saturday, August 28th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 14.

306. * Monday, August 30th, to Saturday, September 4th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 12.

307. * Monday, September 6th, to Saturday, September 11th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 10.

308. * Monday, September 13th, to Saturday, September 18th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 22.

309. * Monday, September 20th, to Saturday, September 25th, 1779, inclusive. 8. pp. 9.

310. ²² Sunday, September 26th, to Saturday, October 2d, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 11.
311. ²³ Monday, October 4th, to Saturday, October 9th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 11.
312. ²⁴ Monday, October 11th, to Saturday, October 16th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 8.
313. ²⁵ Monday, October 18th, to Saturday, October 23d, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 12.
314. ²⁶ Monday, October 25th, to Saturday, October 30th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 13.
315. ²⁷ Monday, November 1st, to Saturday, November 6th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 7.
316. ²⁸ Monday, November 8th, to Saturday, November 12th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 11.
317. ²⁹ Monday, November 15th, to Saturday, November 20th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. [19].
318. ³⁰ Monday, November 22d, to Saturday, November 27th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 25.
319. ³¹ Monday, November 29th, to Saturday, December 4th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 12.
320. ³² Monday, December 6th, to Saturday, December 11th, 1799, inclusive. S. , pp. 19.
321. ³³ Monday, December 13th, to Saturday, December 18th, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 12.
322. ³⁴ Monday, December 20th, to Friday, December 31st, 1779, inclusive. S. , pp. 16.
323. Journals of Congress. Containing the Proceedings from January 1, 1779, to January 1, 1780. Published by Order of Congress. Volume V. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole. M. DCC, LXXXII. S. , pp. 461, (15), lxxiv.

In the first issue of this volume pages 25 and 28, and 29 and 32, backed each other and were duplicated. There were no pages 26, 27, 30 and 31. These

December 3—Continued.

errors are corrected in most copies. The Appendix is an account of the "Expenditures for the year 1779."

On June 19, 1779, the Board of War sent to General Washington three sets of printed Journals, volumes I-III; the resolves from January to December, 1777, in sheets, and three sets "loose for Mar. and April, 1779, being all that are printed."

At the end of October the Commissioners of Accounts laid before Congress the following report:

CHAMBER OF ACCOUNTS,
Philadelphia, October, 31, 1779.

The Commissioners report,

That they have examined the account of David C. Claypoole, and from the best information they have been able to procure from other Printers, as to the different prices charged for Printing done by him, they find that he has overcharged in almost every article, but still they are at a loss how to settle the account, and can only give it as their opinion, that the Public would get their Printing Business done better and at a much cheaper rate, should the Honorable Congress authorise the Committee appointed to superintend the Press, or any other Person or Persons, to receive written proposals from the different Printers every three Months, or any other limited time, and the preference given to the most reasonable. In the meantime they beg leave to recommend that there should be advanced to David C. Claypoole, Twelve thousand Dollars on account, until said proposals shall be given in, from which the Commissioners expect they will be enabled to do justice to the Public and the Claimant.

They have likewise examined the account of STAMER & Cist for printing a Circular Letter in German, and finding their charge extravagant beg leave to recommend that two hundred Dollars should be advanced to them on account until some method be fixed on to enable the Commissioners to settle such accounts with certainty.

WM. GOVEY,
JOHN D. MERCIER

